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THE YUKON TRAIL

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'How do you know?"

fifteen minutes before."

eached the corral?"

little later."

till there."

just now.

cam himself?"

yet, so he couldn't have left more than

"Might have been six-maybe

remark that Macdonald would

find out what he wanted with the out-

fit. The bank had been robbed after

everal hours. Before morning the

their owner were with them, it was a

afe bet that the sled carried forty

thousand dollars in Alaska gold dust

but at this point it made a jump.

was morally sure of that, for this was

Selfridge another the United States

rest into squads to guard the roads

"There is no ivory above the ears

donald told the others. "He picks a

stormy night when folks are not wan

dering the streets. He knows that the

n. In the waste-paper basket the dis-

trict attorney found something which

Macdonald stepped forward and took

"One of those we keep our gold in

at the bank," said the Scotchman after

ies up Holt with the robbery. Now

"He left the hotel with Holt about

The room of Gordon Elliot was in

it was learned from a store-owner in

to sell them two weeks' supplies

"It's a cinch bet that Elliot took the

All doubt of this was removed when

traveling toward the divide as fast as

they could drive the dogs.

trail with him." the lawyer conceded.

rom him a small cloth sack.

"You don't know that Holt took the

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CHAPTER XXIV

Macdonald Follows a Clue. Macdonald was no sluggard. It was

"It's me-Jones Gopher Jones Say Mac, the bank ain't open and we can't rouse Milton. Thought I'd come to you, seeing as you're president of the

as I did."

bed ain't been slept in."

Better wait here boys. Gopher and I will go in. I expect everything is and had let slip before witnesses the all right, but we'll let you know about

The sun had not yet risen and the blinds were down. Macdonald struck a match and held it up. The wood burned and the flame flickered out.

The marshal clutched at the arm of the banker. "Did you see-that?" he

His finger pointed through the darkness to the other end of the room, In the faint gray light of coming day Macdonald could see a huddled mass

get a light. Don't move from here, Jones. I want to look at things be-

Gopher had as next man-when the sun was shining

ed against the wall. A revolver lay brains in the planning of the robbery.

eashler had died to save the money entrusted to his care.

probably here when he reached home My guess is he heard them right away, the time, for he felt the club about as they had explained what they midnight. Soon as they saw him they wanted, the landlord got a passkey dropped him. Likely they heard him and took them to the room Holt had and were ready. I wouldn't have had used. this happen for all the money in the

"I don't know exactly. The books he held up in a significant silence

the wound.

his life for his faithfulness. wasn't an even break. Poor fellow! You weren't built for a job like this, Robert Milton, but you played your hand out to a finish. That's all any man can do.

He turned abruptly away and began examining the safe. The silver still stood sacked in one large com-The bank-notes had escaped the hurried search of the robbers, but the gold was practically all gone. One sack had been torn by the explosion and single pieces of gold

rapidly. The officer picked up one of dozens scattered over the floor. others. Evidently the bandits had torn off the rubber, glanced over one air as a disgusted gambler does a pack

"I can't let you in now, boys, until the coroner has been here," he went one way you can all help. Keep your eyes open. If you have seen any suspicious characters around, let me know. Or if any one has left town in a thing like this without leaving some clue behind them even though the snow has wiped away their trail."

A man named Fred Tague pushed

the cashier. He traveled alone because he could go faster without a that he was not a match for any two men he might face.

(To Be Continued.)

ished in last Sunday's Standardand which is, by the way, a story worth reading-was the last story Richard Harding Davis ever wrote. He fied before he had a chance to learn "That dog team he bought from Tim the sequel.

When I got there this although that of course was not his name, which only those concerned in he episode knew. The "Uncle Jim" wiped out the tracks of the runners of the story is James H. Hare, the sion. Bills embodying his recommenveteran war correspondent; John, the dations and carrying an appropriation "What time was it when you artist, is John T. McCutcheon, of Chicago; and Billy the kid is William G. Shepherd of the United Press. It is lately and an attempt will be made Shepherd who tells the part of the to rush them to prompt passage. story Davis never knew. You will find it in his "Confessions of a War Cor-"Come to that, I don't. But he had respondent" just published by Harp-

key to the barn where the sled was. Holt has been putting up at the hotel. The Davis story ends with Hamlin going back to his regiment. He had federal intended to desert-had even shaved the war indefinitely or until congress his mustache-but Davis talked him orders otherwise and other details Macdonald's keen brain followed the out of it. Hamlin knew, and the of the compensation basis. facts as the nose of a bloodhound does a trail. Holt, an open enemy of American newspapermen knew, that his, had reached town only two days the shaving off of his mustache and before. He had bought one of the best the overstaying of his leave would spent a busy day planning a solution

meanwhile sailed for the United decided to refer the brotherhoods States-McCutcheon, Hare and Shepherd had a note from Hamlin. He midnight. To file open the grill and was on his way to the hospital at Alexandria. He had a letter to his a few days. This board will investio blow up the safe must have taken girl in New Orleans and wanted gate all phases of the brotherhoods' dogs of Holt had taken the trail. If them to mail it for him so that the

Three months later Shepherd, in effective as to wages from January 1. ondon, ran across Hamlin, on the Strand. He had on sergeant's stripes once more and wore a distinguished service medal. At Alexandria he had erhoods but demands which may be been operated on; then he was returned to England to a convalescent ganized labor probably will be handled hospital in Manchester. When he in the same way. Mr. McAdoo rewas released he was notified that his rank had been restored, and that a medal had been awarded him for dis- to recommendations of the advisers. tinguished service on the field-he had "rolled out between the trenches like a barrel" and brought in a wounded man.

his new team. They had been with "Do you know what this ribbon each other at dinner and had later left the hotel together. The name of means I'm a king's sergeant. I have dealt with," and appealed for a hearty the man who had been so friendly not been promoted by any ordinary with old Holt was Gordon Elliotroutine. My papers say that his maand Elliot not only was another enemy jesty, the king, appointed me a serof Macdonald, but had very good reageant in his majesty's army. And sons for getting out of the country nobody can remove me but the king. And if I get into any kind of trouble The strong jaw of the mine-owner

harp orders to men in the crowd. One. Buckingham palace, and appeal to the cing himself." "Gee!" he went on. "That was long time coming. And if it hadn't been for you fellows in Saloniki I'd have missed it. . . I never can

thank Davis and you fellows enough As soon as the men he had sent for for steering me the right way." The news of Davis's death shocked him. "Then he still thinks I'm yelno of the crime with them. It was

ight."

So they separated-the Deserter to to back to France-back to the war -New Bedford Standard.

The Greenville schools are not to

ground that the demonstration work Apparently the bed had been slept costing.

McCormick, January 3: Tate Bow en, a white man living two miles above Mount Carmel, killed his wife and self about 1 o'clock today. No degreat disorder. Garments had been tails of the tragedy are known here except that Bowen came to the house read a letter, the contents of which is unknown, then turned to the bureau and got his pistol with which he shot Macdonald looked through the closet his wife through the head. His son where clothes hung. "His new fur then came running into the house whereupon Bowen begged the boy to Looks to me as though Mr. Gordon kill him. The son refusing to do so, Bowen gave him \$70 with which to This opinion was strengthened when bury himself and the boy's mother, and then shot himself through town that Holt and Elliot had routed heart. Both Bowen and his wife

him out of bed in the early morning died instantly. A number of important elections will come before the general assembly at the approaching session. The terms of seven circuit judges expire and another has been commissioned in the National army. The term of one supreme court judge also expires An insurance commissioner will have to be chosen to succeed F. H. Mc-The big Scotchman ordered his Master, who will not offer for re-elec-Governor Manning and will come before the senate for confirmation These are Wade Hampton Gibbs Just as he closed the door of his state game warden, and A. C. Sumroom, Macdonald heard the telephone mers, secretary of agriculture, comcell ring. He hesitated, then shrugged merce and industries. The supreme court the term of Associate Justice J. judges whose terms expire are: I. W.

Carolina, ranking Democratic mem ber of the interstate commerce committee. In addition to appropriating \$500,000,000 and providing for the compensation basis under which the government guarantees an aggregate return of some \$900,000,000 a year,

operation is to be carried on. Under the last provision the president is expected to issue an order transferring to Director General Mc-Adoo all functions vested in the chief to Wages, Etc., to Receive Due and executive. This will enable the director general to organize a corporation for handling railroad securities in ac cordance with a plan now under con-

sideration. Railroad officials are expected urge a number of modifications of the accounting method prescribed by the bill for reaching the standard return basis, but officials expect the scheme as outlined in the bill probably will be followed in the main. Some disussion is looked for over the bill's provision that new Federal taxes under the war revenue act are not to be charged against the revenue in computing the standard return as are ordinary taxes. The effect of this will be to require railroads to pay war taxes out of their governmenta

Broad Power Over Roads.

The broad power which the admin stration would have over the roads s illustrated by the bill's provision that the president might order any extensions or improvements and advance funds necessary for these. The procedure in such cases would be for the road to issue bonds to finance the pending demands for a general wage improvements and these bonds would great delight of a lot of common peo be absorbed by the government remembers to be appointed by him in volving fund. Director General Mc-Adoo already has indicated that he vill not hesitate to order new lines built, or adequate terminal or other facilities constructed wherever they are thought necessary.

Great significance was seen by congressional leaders in the section proiding for acquisition and operation of water transportation facilities. Advocates of barge transportation on inland rivers and canals have conferred with the director general within the past week and received his assurance that water transportation would be given attention as soon as he ha ime to take up the question

If congress passes the bill with \$500,000,000 appropriation this sum vill have to be raised by issue of additional Liberty bonds unless it should ecome apparent that economies under the government pooling system are sufficient to counter-balance special expenditures and to meet a possible deficit in this year's earnings under the standard return.

WAGE WAR ON RODENTS.

Rat clubs, the purpose of which o trap, poison, shoot, "build out," and otherwise combat rats and mice. are advocated by the United States department of agriculture as effective agencies to help in getting rid of these pests and in making the country a safhealthful and less expensive place to live in. Measures to combat the destructive rodents are especially desirable, in the opinion of the department, now that special efforts are being made to reduce waste and so assure a sufficient food supply in spite

Rats and Mice." is one of the world's worst animal pests. It lives in filth to dwellings and store rooms, to pollute and destroy human food. It carries bubonic plague and other diseases fatal to man and so brings about the death of great numbers of persons annually. It destroys crops eggs and young poultry, stored food and fabrics: causes fires; ruins artificial ponds and embankments by burrowing; and, by gnawing, damages foundations, floors, doors, furniture, and much other property. The mouse though smaller, is almost as destruc-

nate rats and mice. The task is a difficult one, however, since these aniadapt themselves to almost all conditions. Individual effort will accomclish little, since a dwelling or farm reed from the pests is soon repopuerritory. It is for this reason that he department advocates the waging or organized warfare on rate and m

These organizations are not untried he bulletin says, since they exist clear cut issue of administration and both in the United States and in some foreign countries. A club in Kent, England, destroyed 16,000 rats in three easons at an insignificant cost. Women's municipal leagues in the United States have recently taken up the Baltimuore and Boston. The department believes there is an excellent opportunity for these activities to spread and expects boards of trade, civic so cieties, citizens' associations, women's clubs, both in town and rural communities, boys' corn clubs, "oy Sceuts,

In addition to the work of local organizations, there is much that can Dakota, Ollie M. James of Kentucky, e done toward rat eradication by

fewer poultry than rats themselve ing dwellings and breshing grain earlier, and by movin rate and raice will not be harbored

SENATORS IN REVIEW. Thirty-Two of Them Must Face th People in 1919. A number of United States senator

dates again. There are 32 senators whose terms xpire March 3, 1919. They must face primaries next summer. There is unusual interest in the reports that Miss Jeannette Rankin is to be a candidate

whether or not they will be candi-

for the senate. Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota is candidating hard. The growth of of a letter from President Wilso vas written.

Thomas J. Walsh of Helena, Mont since the adjournment of the special ession. Reports from Montanta say that his health is not good. Miss Rankin, the woman member of the house ooms as a senatorial rival to Walsh and it is confidently predicted that she is to be promoted from the house to the senate at the next November elections.

Miss Rankin has been an active her best acts has been to plunge the legislative scimitar into the jaws of the Copper Trust dragon to the

She championed the women in the bureau of printing and engraving and accomplished substantial reforms in their hours of labor, and finally took the scalp of Director Ralph of the bureau. Altogether Miss Rankin has qualified for promotion.

William E. Borah comes up for re election next year and is taking diligent notice of public sentiment Idaho

Benjamin R. Tillman of South Car olina is approaching the end of his Tillman is seldom seen these erm. days in the senate. He has been in failing health. West Virginia will choose a new

enator in the place of Nathan Goff. Once since he was elected Goff apwhat he does. In addition to his peronal income of approximately \$250,-000 a year, he draws a pension of \$13 Russia, Pskow succe a month as a veteran of the civil war ing its complete nd another pension as a ratire

occupying all the political positions chant known to West Virginia he was appointed secretary of the navy by Presdent Hayes back in 1881. He served power. in both branches of congress and as an honorary senator from his state He will retire in March, 1919. John K. Shields, of Tennessee, au thor of the Shields waterpower garb.

will have a chance to submit his candidacy to the people of Tennesse place.

Among others who face re-election are James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, who says he will not be a candidate unless his present insomnia abates, if his health is real good he may get

nto the scramble. congress as a Progressive-Republican tude of criticism of the administra- gorod. tion's war policy. McCormick has been abroad collecting data on the ages Pskov was an important memcondition of American and other ber of the Hanseatic League, and troops in Europe and expects to use German factory was established her

this in his campaign. Thomas W. Hardwick of Georgia a candidate for re-election. Hardfaction in his state, which has not the bridge of boats from the factory been over-friendly toward the Wilson administration. He opposed the declaration of war against Germany, and if he is re-elected it will be on a

anti-administration. In Nebraska there will be a tryout to determine how strong the old Progressive sentiment is in that state George W. Norris comes up for reelection. He has always had a very natter of rat eradication, notably in large and enthusiastic following Peipus. among the forward-looking voters of ooth parties who like a man of indeendence and integrity. Norris has been very earnest and a useful senaor, and no doubt will be returned.

Among others who will go before the people are James K. Vardama: and similar organizations to take up of Mi. sissippi, William H. Thompson of Kansas, William Alden Smith of Michigan, Thomas Sterling of South William Hughes of New Jersey, Hen

inson of Arkansas, Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, Thomas S. Martin of Virginia. Charles McNary of Oregon William S. Kenyon of Iowa. Bert M. Fernald of Maine, Albert B. Fall of New Mexico, L. B. Colt of Rhode Isand, John H. Bankhead of Alabams F. M. Simmons of North Carolina

Francia E. Warren of Wyoming and John W. Weeks of Massachusetts.

GREAT NATURAL BRIDGE.

The great Natural bridge, which one of the natural wonders of the ministral show have been stead by or-United States, overlooks the James der of Director General McAdoo. forts of their employees gave the latriver valley, in Virginia, being on the Fields and his troop now travel vestern slope of the Blue mounts

It approaches Niagra in grandeur and exceeds it in height and awful mys tery. It is a single block of limeston News Happenings in Neighboring with many shades of color. The walls have begun their campaigns for re- are smooth, as if cut with chisels, and there is no sign of displacement.

election, or are making up their minds The visitor follows a tumbing cas cade down a deep fissure in the moun ain under some of the largest arbo vitae trees in the world, and turning down a line of steps cut into the precipice, suddenly finds himself by a swift stream in a dark canyon and the bridge far above him.

Washington when a surveyor fo Lord Fairfax visited the Natural he Farmers' Nonpartisan alliance in bridge and carved his name, where it Minnesota has not been viewed with may still be seen. The original bridge pleasure by Nelson. It is not at all tract was granted by King George certain that the alliance will support III. to Thomas Jefferson in 1774 him. It was reported a few days ago After he was president Jefferson that Nelson had sought and secured visited the place, surveyed it and made Democratic endorsement in the shape the map with his own hands. Jeffer son spoke of the place as "a famous suggesting that he would be a satis-place that will draw the attention of factory administration candidate. But the world." Chief Justice Marshall Secretary Tumulty says no such letter wrote of the bridge as 'God's greatest miracle in stone." Henry Clay wrote of "the bridge not made with hands has not been back in Washington that spans a river, carries a highway and makes two mountains one.

A JOURNEY IN GEOGRAPHY.

A Short Sketch of Pskov, an Import

ant Russian City. Pskov the half-way city between Riga and Petrograd, and a strategic point of prime importance, is describ ed in today's war geography bulleting member of the lower house and one of the National Geographic Society as The capital of a province of the

same name, and one of the most an cient cities of the Russian empire skov, with a population of 36,000, lies directly in the path of a German land advance upon Petrograd from Riga. Pskov is situated on both banks o the rivers Velikaya and Pskova at their having been run very little since he confluence. It is divided into four quarters, the oldest and most important being the Kremlin, surrounded by white limestone walls in a fair state of preservation in spite of the fact that is stationed for the present at Fort they have been standing for more than ight centuries.

Petrograd lies to the northeast of Pskov a distance of 171 miles by rail, and Riga is almost the same distance to the southwest. The town lies nine miles south of Lake Pskov into which glad to know that she stood the opethe Velikaya flows.

For more than a thousand year Pskov has been a trading post for there is no Coca-Cola at any of the peared in the senate or perhaps twice merchants of south Europe seeking an -once when he took the oath, and outlet to the Baltic by way of the naonce afterward. Goff is what might tural channel of the Velikaya. As early be termed a senator emeritus rather as 992 the town was united with its than a functioning senator. He has sister trading center of Novorod, 125 been in public life so long that it miles to the northeast, to form s really makes little difference now bishopric, after which both places grew rapidly in importance and wealth. During the Mongolian invasion ceeded in establish · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

gorod setting un. judge. He went into politics in 1867 a government which differed somewhat then he was first elected a member of from that of its rival in that Novgorod the West Virginia legislature. After was dominated by a plutocratic merclass whereas in Pskov the poorer elements of the population usually maintained themselves in

The princes of Moscow early in the a United States federal judge, and sixteenth century succeeded in deto the overlords of the great Russian metropolis.

Pskov owed its salvation in 1570 to a patriotic monk, Nicholas Salos, who, by feigning madness, dissuaded the next summer, and if they do not like ruthless Ivan the Terrible from his build a Presbyterian church at Ogden, having a senator who is primarily a determination to destroy the city berepresentative of predatory interests, cause it had been suspected of treathey will choose somebody else in his son to that monarch's cause. Eleven ears later the citizens resisted the besieging army of Poland's king. Stephen Bathory, for seven months, It was also besieged at one time by Gus-

tavus Adolphus. Inside the walls of the Kremlin the famous old Cathedral of the Holy Meantime there is no doubt that Trinity, founded in 1138. The present Medill McCormick of the same state structure dates from 1691-99. Here is a candidate for Lewis's place. Mc- are buried the princes of Pskov, among Cormick used to be a Progressive. He them the courageous Prince Dovmon was one of Roosevelt's most enthusi- under whose leadership the Teutonic astic supporters. Then he became Knights were defeated in the 13th ly certain that it will come then..... more or less regular and got into century and during whose regime the city's first walls were built, enabling Now he is regularly Republican, and the citizens of Pskov to make good has adopted quite a Republican atti-

> For many years during the middle on the left bank of the Velikaya. The Germans, however, were not especially popular in Pskov even in that day for they were not permitted to cros into the main portion of the town which at its zenith had a population of 60,000.

Pskov is an important station for trade between Riga and Novgorod. Its most in an instant. The fire departexports include flax, corn, honey, tallow, skins, tar and timber, while its imports consist chiefly of woolens and manufactured goods. It has a regular steamer service with Dorpat, on the Embach river, a tributary of Lake

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Record of Current Happenings Col The Italian government has begun the internment of all alien enemies.

Seven mules were killed in a coa nine at Shenandoah, Pa., Wednesday by the bursting of a steam pipe. Mayor Hylan of New York, has is ed an order eliminating the "Gary

ystem from New York city schools. There were a total of 1,799 divorc proceedings begun in the courts of hiladelphia during 1917. Of these .070 decrees were granted.

Gold production in 1917 totale \$4,085,589 ounces, valued at \$84,456, 600 in the United States. Silver pro luction totaled 74,244,500 ounces. Burgiars ransacked an ice creat

actory at Beranton, Pa., Wednesday and stole 1,000 pounds of granulated The Federal trade commi

egun an investigation to see if there any justification for the presen lingly high prices" for shoes in the United States. The private cars of Al G. Fields's

TOLD BY LOCAL EXCHANGES

Communities.

CONDENSED FOR OUICK READING Dealing Mainly With Local Affairs of Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Ches-

ter and Lancaster. Fort Mill Times, Jan. 3: Present indications are that little interest will be taken in the municipal election which is to be held in Fort Mill on January 8th, at which time a mayor, six alder nen and a waterworks commissioner are to be elected for the years 1918-19. At the closing of the books of registration Thursday night less than onesixth of the voters of the town had qualified for the election J. E. Williamson who for several years past has had charge of the two cotton mills of the Fort Mill Manufacturing Company has severed his connection with them and on Saturday left for Fayetteville, N. C., where he will remain until takes up new work.....Miss Ada White who for several years has been employed in the stenographic department of the Alaskan Railway commission at Seward, Alaska, has reurned to her home in the township Miss Catherine McElwee of Rock Hill, and Miss Margaret Finley, of York, were guests during the past week of Miss Bess Spratt.

Gaffney Ledger, Jan. 3: Mr. Lewis Humphries said yesterday that there was absolutely no clue as yet to the thief who stole his car last Friday afternoon from in front of Carroll & Byers' store in Gaffney. Mr. Humphries said the car was practically new purchased the same a short time ago Harry Caldwell of King's Creek, recently enlisted in the aviation corps of the National army and Thomas, Kentucky. Mr. Caldwell is a brother of Mr. T. M. Caldwell, Cherokee's clerk of the court..... Mrs. T. B. Butler was operated Monday for appendicitis at the local hospital. Her many friends will be ration splendidly and hopes to be oon entirely recovered Now. fountains in Gaffney, and the Coco-Cola Bottling Works has none or hand either. Lots of old topers will feel the loss of the beverage.

Rock Hill Record, Jan. 3: A fire alarm about 2.30 this afternoon carried the firemen out to the fair grounds, where the stalls for cattle were found in a blaze. About eight of the sheds were destroyed before other sheds being saved from struction. It is thought the fire was ncendiary, of course-some men or boys most likely Luther Boyd of the aviation corps, now stationed

at Morrison, Va., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Boyd..... Friends of Sadler Love, who is critiwhe is rounding out his career as priving Pskov of its independence and to leave the preumonia, will regret not improved W. S. McDonald of Chester, who for some time past had been with Wylie & Co., of that city, has a position with the Roddey-Poe Mercantile Co. of this place.... There is a movement on foot to and other inducements toward the same, and others are interested.

Gastonia Gazette, Jan. 3: Thous-

thousands in the county and many other thousands throughout the Piedmont section of North and South Carolina are idle today because of the fact that the Southern Power Company found it necessary to shut off the power at noon today. No relief is promised before Monday. It is not absolute-The Gazette is informed by reliable citizens of Belmont that Isabelle Torrence colored, who died at her home near Belmont on Monday, December 31st, was 116 years old. If this is correct she was no doubt the oldest person in Gaston county.....Damage to the extent of about \$1,000 was done yesterday by fire which started about 5 o'clock in the storeroom occupied by the Auto Repair Company on North Marietta street. Just how the blaze originated is not known though the started when an electric bulb broke and the wire probably came in contact with gasoline. At any rate the interior was enveloped in flames alment responded immediately and

soon had the fire under control.

There were four automobiles in the

place, two of which were damaged.

Chester Reporter, Jan. 3: A wedding of much interest to a large circle of friends in Chester and elsewhere throughout the state was that of Miss Julia Phillips and Lieutenant W. Carlisle White, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Phillips, on York street last Friday afternoon in the presence of a few friends and relatives, Rev. C. Bynum Betts of Troy, officiating..... A negro by the name of Parks who endeavored to break into Mr. George Brakefield's store in the Armenia community during the holidays, was detected by Mr. Brakefield and shot. Parks was then run down by Mr. Brakefield and captured. He was shot three times, and was severely wounded Mr. J. L. Glenn, Jr., who was commiss second lieutenant at the first officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, and who is now serving in France has been recommended for promotion to first lieutenant Mr. J. L. Sanders and family, who have been living in Rock Hill, are moving back to Cherter and will occupy their home on

in has the corner of Church and College streets. Mr. Sanders in in the em ploy of the Hardaway Construction Co..... The Southern Manufe Co., as a token of appreciation of the splendid business they enjoyed during in ter Christmas week as a holiday with full pay.

of cards. the situation in three sentences.

> Five minutes later the winners of to the front. He kent a feed corral near the edge of town. "I can tell you one man who mushed out before five

shebang."

to dress. "Probably overslept, same "That's the point. We looked through the window of his bedroom and his I reckon it is easy to find out if he's

In three minutes Macdonald joined the marshal and walked down with him to the bank. He unlocked the front door and turned to the little

crowd that had gathered.

The bank president opened the door, let the officer enter, and followed him-

"Looks like," agreed Jones. His voice was uneven with excitement. The Scotch-Canadian lit another

whispered.

danger. The rebbers have been gone stood out saliently as he gave short, any time, I've got a right to go to en nerve as the

wanted to throw open the door and nobody passed for the present. shout the news to those outside. By the light of another match the arrived, Macdonald went over the owner crossed the room into the sitting-room of the cashier. Present- plain that the dynamiting had been ly he returned with a lamp and let its done by an old-time miner who knew light fall upon the figure lying slump- his business, but there had been

twisted neck and sprawling limbs. The

marshal and picked up the revolver. Every chamber was loaded. "They heat him to it. They were

safe."

will show. I'll send Wally down to "Shot right spang through the

"Wish I'd been here instead of him." for Elliot." Macdonald said grimly. His eyes five this morning, the porter says." softened as he continued to look down at the employee who had paid with This was the contribution of the land-

coat is not here-nor his trail boots. had hit the trail with his friend Holt."

could be found all over the safe. Macdonald glanced over the papers These they had packed outside the was a mortgage note made out to the store. bank by a miner. He collected the or two to see if they had any cash a prospector reached town with the value, and tossed the package into the news that he had met Holt and Elliot

hurry-or been seen doing anything

The eyes of Macdonald, cold

his habit not to let the pleasure of the night before interfere with the busi- Ryan-Well, he's been keeping it in ness of the morning after. But in the my corral. darkness he overslept and let the town morning it was gone. The snow hadn't waken before him. He was roused by the sound of knocking on his door. "Who it it?" he asked.

The mine-owner got up and began

that as soon as we find out."

"Iank's been robbed," he announced

In the flare of it they saw that the steel grill cutting off the alcove was open and that the door had been blown from the safe. It lay on the floor among a litter of papers, silver, fragments of steel, and bits of

on the floor. "There has been murder done. I'll

and he could see what danger he was facing. But there was something leading out of town and to see that sinister and nerve-racking here. He

close to the inert fingers. The head hung forward grotesquely upon the of the man who bossed this job," Macnight when we're all at the club The dead man was Milton. His employer saw nothing ridiculous in the more than half a mile from here, a

wind will deaden the sound of the dynamite and that the snow will wipe Macdonald handed the lamp to the out any tracks that might help to identify him and his pal or show which way they have gone." The coroner took charge of the body and Wally of the bank. The mine got his gun, and came in. He's still owner and the district attorney walkwearing his dress suit. That gives us ed up to the hotel together. As soon

look them over." heart, looks like," commented Jones, following with his eye the course of a close examination. "This definitely

"It lord. tossed on the bed and on every chair and had been left to lie wherever they had chanced to fall. Plainly their owner had been in great haste.

The bank president stepped to the door and threw it open. He explained

heavy furs, Colby Macdonald smiled with deep satisfaction. He had Elliot on to tell the crowd. "But there is on the run at last. his shoulders and strode out into the he would have learned from Diane, derstand at the time. Men can't do a who was at the other end of the line, that the stage upon which Sheba had started for Katma had not reached the roadhouse at Smith's Crossing.

o'clock this morning—and that's Gid revolver, their owner was mushing circuit will also be chosen as he will

FINIS FOR A DESERTER. The End of His Story Which Davis

Himself Never Knew. "The Deserter," which was pub

There really was a "Mr. Hamlin,"

and swiftest dog teams in the North lose him his stripes.

So far the mind of the Scotchman followed the probabilities logically, There were at least two robbers. He not a one-man job. Now, if Holt had with him a companion, who of all those in Kusiak was the most likely man? He was a friendless, crabbed old fellow. Since coming to Kuslak old Gideon had been seen constantly with one man. Together they had driven out the day before and tried

was to get the coroner, a second Wally District Attorney. He divided the

> ow," he said. "If he thinks at all," Shepherd told im, "he knows now that you're all

PALMETTO GLEANINGS Happenings and Events of Interest i South Carolina.

open for a month from the date they losed for the holidays, the extension being on account of the lack of coal The county board of commissioners of Sumter county has refused to recommend the usual appropriation for home demonstration work on the

s not worth the money it has been The frame house occupied at Camp Sevier by Brig. Gen. Samuel L. Faison, commanding the Sixtieth infantry origade was destroyed by fire Thurslay. General Faison, who had been slightly ill for several days, was alone when the fire broke out and barely had time to escape. His personal be-

vere destroyed.

team of Siberian wolf-hounds made tion. Two recess appointments to ready for the trail. As he donned his state officers have also been made by storm. If he had answered the call H. Hydrick, who is elected for a term of ten years expires. Circuit Bowman, first circuit; Hayne F. Rice, second circuit; John S. Wilson, third circuit: T. H. Spain, fourth circuit: Ernest Moore, sixth circuit; Frank B. he great Alaska Sweepstakes were Gary, eighth circuit, and T. J. Maulflying down the street in the teeth of den, thirteenth circuit. A suc the storm. Armed with a rifle and a to Judge Mendel L. Smith of the fifth into the hills to bring back the men enter the National army. The state who had robbed his bank and killed librarian also comes up for election. | the senate by Senator Smith of Se

CONTROL OF THE RAILROADS President Lays Plans Before Con-

GOVERNMENT OPERATION NECESSARY the measure sets forth in detail the condition upon which government National Government Will Guarantee Dividends, and Will Appropriate Sufficient Money to Make up Deficiencies in Earnings-Question as Proper Consideration.

Washington, Jan. 4-Legislation to regulate the government operation of milroads and to guarantee the carriers compensation on the basis of their average operating income for the last three years was asked of congress today by President Wilson in an address to both houses in joint sesof a half billion dollars as a "revolving fund" were introduced immed-

While the president's address met with general approval among Democrats and Republicans alike, opposition is expected to develop to a provision in the administration bill that control shall continue after

While the legislative wheels were set moving Director General McAdoo of labor questions with heads of the Two weeks afterward-Davis had four railway brotherhoods and finally increase to an advisory board of four demands and recommend a course to Mr. McAdoo. His decision will be

Only Wage Requests. will affect immediately plan only the wage requests of the brothmade later by other classes of orserving the right to make whatever decision he chooses without regard Some increases, both to the brotherhoods and to other railway labor, are generally considered certain. The director general in a statement tonight promised every employe "that means?" he asked Shepherd. "It his rights and interests will be justly spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation

from every man. Efforts to speed the movement coal and other freight continued today along with the legislative and la bor phases of the railway, moven riding that the addition

fied bituminous and anthracite mines mainly in Pennsylvania, for supplying New England. These problems forced Mr. M. Adoo to postpone until tomorrow ac tion on eastern passenger traffic officials' recommendations for curtailment of passenger schedules but he abandonment of a number of trains

and elimination of parlor and sleeping

Referring to his negotiations with

cars to a great extent.

be furnished daily to certain speci-

he brotherhood chiefs yesterday and today, the director general tonight ssued a statement saying: Praises the Chiefs. "I have been impressed with the spirit of co-operation and fairness shown by the brotherhood chiefs in their discussions with me and feel confident that an adjustment fair to the men as well as to the country will be reached.

"This is a time of great stress and the attitude of every employe should be determined by the supreme need of the hour-duty to his country first of all. I cannot state too strongly the necessity for devoted and loyal service by every man in this emergency. Every railroad employe is now in effect a government employe and as much in duty bound to give his best service to his country as if he wore the uniform of the United States army and occupied the trenches at the front. Every unnecessary delay in a train movement vitally affects our soldiers and sailors and seriously impairs our ability to defend our rights and our liberties. Every man whose longings and those of his two aides neglect or indifference causes such de lays may be responsible for the loss of the son of some noble American

mother or father. It is as serious to the country for an employe to be slacker in his work as for a man to be a slacker in the army. "The present serious congestion and actual suffering for the want of coal and other supplies will be greatly im-

proved and may be entirely reme-

died if every employe will do his ut nost in his individual task." Appeal to Exemption Boards. Mr. McAdoo explained today that although no general provisions can be made under the law for exempt ing railroad employes from the draft he will not hesitate to appeal to local exemption boards to defer the calling of these workers if the boards of their own violition do not display tendency to regard the railroads as an essential industry from which

itary service.

Why Roads Were Taken. In his address to congress, Presi dent Wilson, announcing his action in taking over the railroads, praised the way in which the railroad executives went to work in an attempt to unify their lines under private management, but said the war emergency demanded government action because only under government administration could an absolutely unrestricted and unembarrassed common use t made of all lines and facilities. He promised that "the common admini tration will be carried out with as little disturbance of the present op erating organizations and personne of the railways as possible," and repeated the assurance given in proclamation last week that own of railroad securities should not saifer financial loss because of the n plan of operation.

Provisions of Bill.

dministration bill was introduced.

When the president conclud

epartment of Agriculture Advanced Organized Attack.

of war conditions. The rat, the department points out in a recent Farmers' Bulletin, "House

It would be eminently desirable, the bulletin shows, completely to extermimals breed with alarming rapidity and ated by migration from adjacent wick is a member of the Democratic

ncluding the formation of rat clubs

states and cities, the bulletin points ry F. Hollis of New Hampshire, John out. Through laws and ordinances, F. Shaforth of Colorado, Willard builders and owners can be required Saulsbury of Delaware, Joseph T. Rob to ratproof all new buildings, and specifications can be adopted in the construction of sewers, drains, wharves, railroad loading platforms, and other structures, that will prevent rats finding harborage about them. Better sanitary measures can be enforced about markets and stores and throughout cities, villages, and country districts. States may help the work by protecting native hawks, owls and ther enemies of rats which destroy Farmers may do their part by rat it from the farm promptly, so that